

Marine Fisheries

Transplant Oysters from Seed Oyster Management Areas (Permit to)

What Activities Require This Permit? Moving oysters from the shellfish management areas located in White Oak River, Cedar Bush Bay, Wanchese Marshes, Bay River, and Virginia Creek to private leases.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To allow lease/franchise holders to relocate oysters from habitats not conducive to shellfish growth to their lease or franchise.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), Habitat and Enhancement Section.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? No cost.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat and Enhancement Section, 3441 Arendell Street, Post Office Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557; phone: 1-800-682-2632; 252-808-8047; 252-808-8056.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? Two weeks (14 days) or less.

Where Do I Submit My Application? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat and Enhancement Section, 3441 Arendell Street, PO Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557-0769.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Permits are valid from April 1 through -September of each year.

Notes/Comments: There are reporting requirements associated with this permit. Immediately following the expiration date of the permit, the number of bushels of seed transplanted must be reported. This is separate and above the annual lease reporting requirements.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-203; NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 3K.0103.

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/habitat/enhancement/shellfish-leases>

Statewide Contact Information:

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